

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENT*

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~~The A distance measuring apparatus of the present invention comprises distance measurement value selecting means for detecting detects the shortest distance measurement value corresponding to the shortest distance among the plurality of multiple distance measurement values measurements, and selecting the selects distance measurement values which differ from the shortest distance measurement value by a value less than a predetermined threshold value; first computing means for calculating calculates a first correction value, which is the as a mean value of the difference values differences between the shortest distance measurement value and the selected distance measurement values selected; second computing means for detecting the farthest longest distance measurement value corresponding to the farthest longest distance among the selected distance measurement values selected, and calculating calculates a second correction value, which is as 1/2 of the difference between the shortest distance measurement value and the farthest longest distance measurement value; and third computing means for calculating the calculates autofocus data by correcting the shortest distance measurement value, adopting a correction value that is the lesser of the first correction value or and the second correction value.~~